

was raised to Rs.10.00 for adult and Rs.5.00 for children during the recently held India International Trade Fair' 96.

(c) ITPO is required to undertake its trade promotional activities in India and abroad as well as maintenance of its infrastructural facilities on self financing basis. Hence, it was felt necessary to raise the entry fee.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

World Bank Assistance to Andhra Pradesh for Rural Areas Supply

3275. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the World Bank has provided any loan for water supply and environmental sanitation projects especially for the tribal and rural areas of Andhra Pradesh during the last three years;

(b) if so, details of the project sanctioned and the amount expected to be allocated project-wise out of the funds received from the World Bank.

(c) the details of implementing agencies of these project;

(d) whether the Government have approved any project for rural area of Guntur district of A.P. for providing drinking water out of the World Bank help; and

(e) if so, the progress made so far?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e). Do not arise.

Loans to Agricultural and Industrial Sectors

3276. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH BADAL : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the amount of loans provided by the Public Sector Banks to Industry and Agriculture sectors separately during the last three years in Punjab; and

(b) the estimated requirement of loans of agriculture in Punjab and the steps taken by the Government to allocate sufficient funds therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) and (b). Outstanding advances of public sector banks to agriculture and industry during the last three years in Punjab, as furnished by Punjab National Bank, the convenor bank for

State Level Bankers' Committee of Punjab, were as under :

(Rs. crore)			
Category of Outstanding Advances	March 1994	March 1995	March 1996
1. Agriculture	1464	1622	1855
2. Small Scale Industries & Cottage Industries	1288	1515	1882
3. Other (including medium & large scale industries)	3642	4640	4986
Total	6394	7777	8733

Punjab National Bank has further reported that the estimated requirement of loans for agriculture in Punjab is Rs.1809 crore as projected in Annual Credit Plan 1996-97, which is expected to be met by participating banks.

Regulation for Foreign Exchange

3277. SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the details of the special regulation of RBI and Ministry of Finance relating to foreign exchange allowances and expenditure on private and official visit of the Union Minister, Minister of State Governments, Governors, Chief Ministers, MP's and IAS/IPS/IFS officials?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : Government officials (including Minister; and Members of Government delegations going abroad are released foreign exchange on the basis of per diem rates stipulated by the Government (i.e. the Ministry of External Affairs) which vary from country to country. They are also entitled for release of foreign exchange towards personal incidentals @ US \$ 50 - per day, Subjects to being minimum US \$ 500/- and a maximum of US \$ 1,500/-.

VIPs State legislators, officials of Central or any State Government who travel at the invitation from abroad on full hospitality i.e. where no State funding is involved for either the journey or stay abroad are entitled for release of foreign exchange towards incidental express @ US \$ 50/- per day for the duration of the stay abroad, subject to a maximum of 30 days.

While going on private visits abroad they are entitled to draw foreign exchange under basic Travel Quota which is US \$ 2,000/- per annum.

Incentives offered to NRIs

3278. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the incentives offered to NRIs for foreign